

Class of 2016

<u>Class Agents</u> Patrick Bryant Jake Norley **Class Agents Letter**

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Members of the Class of 2016 -

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and doing well.

I mentioned in my last letter that 2021 will mark five years since we walked under "the arch" and collected our sheepskin diplomas. With that, Jake Norley '16 and I ask that you mark your calendars for a celebration of our 5th class reunion at Big Bash on June 4th-6th, 2021. We don't know what form Big Bash will take due to COVID, but the College is currently planning for everything from being completely on campus to being completely virtual.

Hold your calendars and look for further updates from me and Jake as well as the College. We want as many classmates to participate as possible. If you are interested in helping me and Jake by reaching out to teammates, fraternity brothers, friends from your living unit, etc. please let us know.

An important piece in making sure you receive the most up-to-date information is by having your contact info up to date. Please do so by visiting <u>https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/eservices</u>.

Please reach out to me (<u>pfbryant16@gmail.com</u>) or Jake (<u>jake.norley@gmail.com</u>) with questions or if you're interested in helping us recruit for Big Bash.

Take care – Patrick Bryant '16

News from Campus:

- Teaching and learning continue as students, faculty, staff, and administration have worked together to keep Wabash largely residential this semester.
- The school year started two weeks early, there's no Fall Break, and the last day of Finals is scheduled for the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.
- Wabash will delay the start of the spring semester by one week, allowing the return to campus by seniors for comprehensive exams to be two full weeks after the New Year's holiday. The faculty will conduct senior oral comprehensive exams virtually prior to a return to campus. There will be no spring break, but instead three scheduled off days scattered across the semester. This plan allows Commencement for the classes of 2020 and 2021 to remain on the previously scheduled date (May 16, 2021).
- New President Scott Feller rang in the Class of 2024 on the Mall on Sunday, August 9. You can learn more about the class here: <u>https://www.wabash.edu/giving/class2024</u>



- The North Coast Athletic Conference suspended all sports through Dec. 31. Athletic teams have been holding modified practices, and the Allen Center is open with new restrictions. Wabash College will join with members of the North Coast Athletic Conference in suspending athletics practices and related activities from Wednesday, November 25, 2020 through January 1, 2021. The NCAC also announced the cancelation of officially sanctioned competition and championships in winter sports. This decision also encompasses varsity sport programs that do not officially participate in the NCAC (wrestling and volleyball). AD Matt Tanney and his staff will begin to create plans for how to reinstate structured, sport-specific workouts, practices, and related activities in January. They will also work to develop competitive schedules for winter and fall sports teams with schools who share Wabash's commitment to sound, data-driven COVID prevention and testing measures.
- Though we had no Homecoming game this fall, the Sphinx Club in coordination with the Student Affairs Office held the annual Chapel Sing on Sept. 17. Lambda Chi won for the second year in a row. Oct. 3 saw judging of Homecoming floats with Phi Gamma Delta taking first.